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GROWING TIES

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1. HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JANOS PETER ARRIVED IN
WARSAW SEPTEMBER 5 FOR A THREE DAY VISIT AT THE INVITA-
TION OF FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI. ACCORDING TO THE
WARSAW PRESS, DISCUSSIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CONCENTRATE ON
BILATERAL MATTERS AS WELL AS ON INTERNATIONAL TOPICS
SUCH AS COOPERATION OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE ICCS.
ALSO, HUNGARIAN FINANCE MINISTER LAJOS FALUVEGI HAS BEEN
HERE SINCE SEPTEMBER 3 LEADING A DELEGATION ON WHAT
APPEARS TO BE A QUIET WORKING VISIT ON PROBLEMS OF
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ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

2. INTENSIFICATION OF CONTACTS BETWEEN POLAND AND HUNGARY REFLECTING THEIR GROWING COMMON INTERESTS IS THE THEME OF A LENGTHY POLISH PRESS AGENCY COMMENTARY APPEARING IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY ON SEPTEMBER 5. THE ARTICLE CITES PREVIOUS HIGH-LEVEL VISITS OVER THE PAST YEAR (PREMIER JAROSZEWICZ TO HUNGARY LAST OCTOBER, FIRST SECRETARY KADAR AND PREMIER FOCK TO POLAND IN MARCH, AND FOCK AGAIN TO POLAND IN AUGUST--REFS A AND B) AS PROOF OF THE TWO COUNTRIES' UNITY ON IDEOLOGICAL MATTERS AND THEIR COMPLETE AGREEMENT OF VIEWS ON BASIC QUESTIONS OF A FOREIGN POLICY.

3. INTERESTINGLY, THE ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT THE COMMON INTERESTS BETWEEN POLAND AND HUNGARY "RESULT NOT ONLY FROM THEIR COMMON MEMBERSHIP IN CEMA AND THE SAME POLITICAL CAMP, BUT FROM THEIR EVER BROADER AND MORE AMBITIOUSLY OUTLINED PROGRAM OF BILATERAL COOPERATION". THERE ARE, HOWEVER, THE USUAL EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR STRENGTHENING SOCIALIST UNITY AND FURTHERING THE FOREIGN POLICY AIMS OF THE USSR AND THE SOCIALIST CAMP.

4. UNDERSCORING POLISH-HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP, THE ARTICLE NOTES THAT THE VALUE OF THEIR BILATERAL TRADE HAS INCREASED TO 16 PERCENT ABOVE THAT PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR. FURTHER EXPANSION IS ENVISAGED FOR THE PERIOD 1974-85, PARTICULARLY IN THE AUTOMOTIVE, CHEMICAL, ELECTRONIC, AND SYNTHETIC FIBER INDUSTRIES. THE ARTICLE NOTES PARTICULARLY, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT POLAND WILL SUPPLY HUNGARY 55 THOUSAND FIAT 126P'S DURING THAT PERIOD IN EXCHANGE FOR AUTOMOTIVE SPARE PARTS FROM HUNGARY.

5. THE DEGREE OF COOPERATION IS SUMMED UP IN THE ARTICLE BY A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO AN ANONYMOUS POLISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL: "NEVER HAVE WE COOPERATED SO INTENSIVELY; NEVER HAVE OUR CONTACTS BEEN SO FREQUENT. HIGH LEVEL PERSONS FROM BUDAPEST ARRIVE ALMOST WITHOUT ANNOUNCEMENT...THEY DROP IN...AS NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR TO TAKE CARE OF ONE PROBLEM OR ANOTHER, AND THE REVERSE..." (I.E. HIGH LEVEL POLISH VISITS TO HUNGARY).

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6. COMMENT: POLAND'S BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH HUNGARY ARE CLEARLY ON THE UPSWING, AND THE POLES SEEM PLEASED, AS EVIDENCED BY THE ZYCIE WARSZAWY ARTICLE. HOWEVER, THE CURRENT EMPHASIS IS ECONOMIC. MOREOVER, THE AUGUST 1973 VISITS OF PRIME MINISTERS JAROSZEWICZ AND FOCK TO MOSCOW (REF C AND D) INDICATE THAT THIS GROWING BILATERAL COOPERATION HAS GAINED AT LEAST GENERAL SOVIET SANCTION.
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